

OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY (OSTP)

Meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for a meeting of the President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), and describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES AND PLACE: May 24 and 25, 1999, Washington, DC. On May 24, this meeting will take place in the Truman Room (Third Floor) of the White House Conference Center, 726 Jackson Place, NW, Washington, DC. On May 25, this meeting will take place at the American Association for the Advancement of Science meeting at 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE AND AGENDA: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) is tentatively scheduled to meet in open session on Monday, May 24, 1999, at approximately 1 p.m. to discuss (1) Department of Transportation science and technology initiatives (2) the work of the PCAST panels (3) the impact of science and technology on the economy. This session will end at approximately 5:30 p.m. On May 25, the PCAST will host a session for public discussion of the principles on Federal government-university research partnership in the Presidential Review Directive Report NSTC-4.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: For the May 24 session, there will be a time allocated for the public to speak on any of the above agenda items. Please make your request for the opportunity to make a public comment five (5) days in advance of the meeting. Written comments are welcome any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Joan P. Porter, PCAST Executive Secretary, at (202) 456-6101 or fax your requests/comments to (202) 456-6026.

For the May 25 session, public comment is requested to speak about the Federal government-university partnership principles. Written comments are welcome any time prior to or following the meeting. Please notify Sybil Francis, Division of Science, Office of Science and Technology Policy, at (202) 456-6040 or Joan P. Porter at (202) 456-6101 or fax your requests/comments to (202) 456-6026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For information regarding time, place, and agenda, please call Joan P. Porter, PCAST Executive Secretary, at (202) 456-6101, prior to 3 p.m. on Friday, May 21, 1999. Please note that public seating for this meeting is limited, and is available on a first-come first served basis.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President's Committee of Advisors on Science and Technology was established by Executive Order 12882, as amended, on November 23, 1993. The purpose of PCAST is to advise the President on matters of national importance that have significant science and technology content, and to assist the President's National Science and Technology Council in securing private sector participation in its activities. The Committee members are distinguished individuals appointed by the President from non-Federal sectors. The PCAST is co-chaired by the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, and by John Young, former President and CEO of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Dated: April 22, 1999.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 37]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., Chapter 35), the Export-Import Bank of the United States is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve both an extension and revision to several insurance forms which will all expire on May 31, 1999. The Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) provides a variety of export credit insurance policies to exporters and institutions financing exports. The forms covering these policies are the applications for insurance which incorporate questionnaires and certificates. They provide information which allows the Bank to obtain legislatively required reasonable

assurance of repayment and they fulfill other statutory requirements. The forms EIB 92-34, -41, -45, -48, -50, -64, and 92-79 now request, but do not require, gender and ethnic identification. EIB Form 92-48 has been revised to include Ex-Im Bank guidelines describing standards of creditworthiness for foreign obligors and, under certain circumstances, the form will require demonstration that such standards are met. The revisions to EIB 92-48 will probably result in a longer response time. All of the forms require a three-year extension. A request for public comment on this was published in 64 FR, 6654, February 10, 1999. No comments were received.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before May 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments or requests for additional information to OMB Desk Officer Jeffrey Hill, Office of Management and Budget, Information and Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503, (202) 395-3176.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Garcia (202) 565-3335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following Ex-Im Bank forms (all with OMB Control Number 3048-0009) encompass a variety of export credit insurance policies. They affect all entities involved in the export of U.S. goods and services including exporters, banks, insurance brokers and non-profit or state and local governments acting as facilitators.

1. Application for Quotation Export Credit Insurance Commercial Bank Insureds, EIB 92-34.

2. Application for Short-Term Single-Buyer Coverage Financial Institution Buyer Credit Policies, EIB 92-41.

3. Financing or Operating Lease Converge Explanation of Application Form for Export Credit Insurance, EIB 92-45.

4. Application for Multibuyer Export Credit Insurance Policy, EIB 92-50.

5. Application for Short-Term Single-Buyer Policy (For Exporters Only), EIB 92-64.

6. Application for Export Credit Insurance Umbrella Policy, EIB 92-72.

7. Broker Registration Form, EIB 92-79.

8. Application for Export Credit Medium Term Insurance (Capital Goods and Services Only), EIB 92-48.

The notice currently being submitted to OMB lists the following information: (1) the titles of the information collections proposed; (2) the Office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number; (4) the description of the need for the